

MESSAGE IS TO LAW MAJ.

Counsels Patience with Spain in Cuban Matter.

REQUEST FOR AUTOMY HAS BEEN MADE.

It Was Not Well Received at Madrid—Says That the Present Tariff Is All Right—Wants Government Expenses Paid From the Treasury Surplus—Army and Navy Departments Complimented—Closes with a Thrust at the Trusts.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The president's message was delivered to congress today. Cuba, finance, tariff and trusts occupy conspicuous positions, in the order named. It counsels patience with Spain for the present. It says the administration submitted a request for autonomy for the Cubans several months ago, and that the same is now being considered by the Spanish cabinet, but intimates that it was not well received at Madrid. It reiterates well known arguments on the financial question, and says that the president thinks if the present tariff had a fair show it would be all right. It favors the use of the treasury surplus to pay the expenses of the government. Various departments show very favorably. It devotes considerable space to an outline of the work accomplished by the army and navy departments and concludes with a hard thrust at the trusts.

The message also congratulates the county on the result of the election. It also recommends that the government issue bonds to redeem its paper and go out of banking business. It also states that England has acceded to our Venezuelan demands and a permanent arbitration treaty is likely. The centralization of wealth and power is bitterly condemned.

Washington, Dec. 7.—That last night was the eve of a new session of congress was apparent in the Washington hotels, which are always barometers of political activity under the dome. Senators and members coming to the city by every train—re-enforced by the attaches and lookers-on of congress—were drifting into the lobbies, greeting one another like schoolboys after a vacation, with much hand-shaking, with reminiscences of the campaign, and many explanations of how their re-election or defeats had been brought about.

There was comparatively small interest in the work of the coming session itself apart from the president's message, but clouds of speculation were afloat dealing with the policies of the new administration to be inaugurated March 4, and with the personnel of the cabinet. It was unanimously conceded that the republican programme was to ignore the Dingley tariff bill and to summon an extra session of the LVth congress for March 15, for the purpose of passing a new tariff measure.

Vice-President Stevenson will call the senate to order. The first day of the session will be devoted almost entirely to receiving the president's message. If precedents are followed there will be an adjournment soon after the receipt of the message.

The first week of the session is not expected to be productive of important results in a legislative way. There are many searers who think that little or nothing should be done beyond the passage of the appropriation bills at that session, and as these measures necessarily originate in the house there will be no disposition to postpone the season of activity until some of these bills can be received from the other end of the capitol. The probabilities are that the daily sessions at the beginning will be comparatively brief, and that the senate will content itself with four days' work each week.

It is generally agreed that the republicans will hold a caucus to determine upon a line of policy, especially with reference to the tariff, and until after the exchange of views which this conference will permit no step is likely to be taken which will commit the party to any position on any question of political significance.

The opening week promises to see the house put its shoulder to the wheel of the regular appropriation bills. Chairman Cannon and the committee on appropriations were at work all last week, and it is their earnest intention to pass two and possibly three of the bills before the Christmas holidays. The pension and legislative appropriation bills are about ready, and work on one or two of these will be begun in the house before the week closes. The pension bill, although it carries a larger amount of money than any of the other supply bills, is very brief, and unless some political discussion is precipitated is not likely to consume much time in its consideration.

Interest in the affairs of the Hawaiian republic has been rekindled by the dinner which was given Saturday night by ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster to Mr. Hanna. It is believed that the movement for annexation is to be brought forward again with the advent of the next administration, and it is likely to be one of the leading questions with which President McKinley

COL. FELLOWS WEAKER.

Well-Known New York Lawyer and Politician Dangerously Ill.
New York, Dec. 7.—Though the general condition of District Attorney Fellows is unchanged, he is gradually growing weaker and sinking slowly. Still remains in the semi-comatose condition that has marked his illness the day. Harry Fellows, son of who set attorney, told the reporters who sat at the house that his father, however, remained unchanged, and it is bypassed a restless night, losing strength that he is gradually becoming weaker.

His physicians, Dr. Fleming and Dr. Rodenstein, remained with him through the night. Just before midnight, Col. Fellows realized that his fight, Col. Fellows, was near, and he called for the members of his family to his bedside. Mrs. Fellows, her two daughters and Harry Fellows, the youngest son, gathered around Col. Fellows, who bade each a fond and affectionate farewell. John W. Fellows, Jr., was the only member of the family absent. He is expected to arrive this afternoon.

MISTAKE KILLS FIVE MEN.

Trainmen Go to Sleep Near Waco, Tex. with Fatal Results.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 7.—A head-on collision between two freight trains on the Southern Pacific road, near Waco, Sunday morning resulted in the death of two engineers, two firemen and a brakeman. The crew of the east-bound freight went to sleep while waiting on a blind siding, and the crew, on waking, thinking that the second section of the through west-bound freight was the third section of the train, took to the main line. The weather was foggy, and the east-bound freight and the third section of the west-bound train came together at the bottom of a sag in the road a few miles from the siding. The dead: T. P. COADY, engineer. W. H. BROWN, engineer. WILLIAM HOLT, fireman. GEORGE ASKINS, fireman. WILL HEARD, brakeman.

NAVY IS INSUFFICIENT.

Secretary Herbert Makes His Report to the President.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The secretary of the navy, Hilary A. Herbert, has made his last annual report on the affairs of his department. The document, while affording much ground for congratulation, is from beginning to end a warning to the country of the insufficiency of its navy for the requirements of war.

There are now twenty-one vessels under construction, among them being the Iowa, Kearsage, Kentucky, Nashville, Wilmington, Helena, Annapolis, Vicksburg, Newport, Princeton, Wheeling and Marietta.

After reviewing the naval strength of other nations and our own resources the secretary says: "Whoever may be called upon to consider the possibility of a sudden outbreak of war by the United States, any part of which is to be waged upon the high seas, will be deeply impressed with the utter inability of any administration under present laws to utilize promptly and efficiently, as we should be able to do, our naval resources."

TROUBLE AT LEADVILLE.

Prominent Members of the Miners' Union Indicted for Murder.

Leadville, Col., Dec. 7.—About 1 o'clock Sunday morning John R. Amburn, who was president of the Cloud City Miners' union when the Coronado and Emmet mines were attacked; Geo. B. Handy, former secretary of the union, and now a member of the executive committee, and Edward J. Dewar, present secretary of the union, walked into the sheriff's office, saying they understood they had been indicted by the grand jury and that they were ready to be taken into custody. The sheriff took charge of them. The three men are said to have been indicted for murder, though this will not be officially announced until an application for bail is made for them.

Will Produce Their Own Salt.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 7.—At a conference of Omaha, St. Joseph and Kansas City packers it has been determined to form a company and purchase salt mines in the state of Kansas, and hereafter produce all the rock salt that may be needed in the packing business of the three cities. The reason for forming the company was the recent heavy increase in the price of rock salt. The main office of the concern is to be in Kansas City and the product is to be distributed from this point.

Negro Kills Two Boys.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 7.—A double murder occurred about twelve miles southeast of this city last night. A negro named Davis while out hunting with the two sons of his employer, aged 15 and 13, attacked the boys with a knife, cutting the throats of both and crushing the skull of the elder. The older boy is dead and the other cannot live. The negro escaped and thus far has eluded capture. Bands of men are scouring the woods.

Archbishop Fabre Is Dying.

Montreal, Quebec, Dec. 7.—Archbishop Fabre, who has been suffering for some time with cancer, is worse and is not expected to live over today. The pope has cabled his extreme sorrow at the venerable prelate's condition.

BAYARD DECLINES TO TAKE THE GIFT

AMBASSADOR CANNOT ACCEPT A PRESENT.

Proposed Testimonial From Englishmen Is Given Up—Employers of Hamburg Again Decline To Arbitrate with Their Striking Laborers—Some Other Foreign News Notes

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 7.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Jacksonville, Fla., says: Havana advices report an excited conflict of opinion there as to whether the forcing of the trocha by the Cubans Saturday was by guerrilla bands or by the vanguard of Maceo's army in a movement to unite with Gomez.

The Spaniards have given no definite news from the front for a week, and at the same time have redoubled their censorship of the press. Sharp firing has been heard again in Havana from the neighborhood of Guanabacoa and other suburbs of that region, and all Havana is excited over the occurrence.

More than 500 refugees have passed into the city during the last five days from that district, fearing for their lives during the fights between the Spanish and insurgent soldiery.

Nearly all the Havana volunteers have gone to the front, but as fast as they rout the guerrillas in one place they encounter them in another, making a succession of running fights, all within five to ten miles of the city.

About 100 soldiers have been killed or wounded so far in these engagements.

IN A BAD POSITION.

Gen. Weyler Surrounded by the Cuban Forces.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 7.—A special to the Citizen from Key West says: "The steamer Whitney brought Havana news in relation to Maceo and Weyler. Passengers state that Weyler himself is now encamped ten miles from Artemisa, and his army is scattered along the trocha and through the Pinar del Rio district. When Maceo retreated from Weyler in his first campaign his plan was to surprise the Spaniard at the first opportunity, and now Maceo has his army on either side of Weyler, and they are having daily skirmishes. Weyler is completely hemmed in, and if he attempts to move he will be compelled to go to Artemisa."

"Small Cuban bands have crossed the trocha into the Havana district and are attacking the outposts and villages of that province. Insurgents numbering 7,000 are encamped in Havana province twenty miles from Havana and will go to Maceo's assistance when needed. Spies in Havana are keeping the insurgents posted as to the movements of the Spanish troops.

"A movement is on foot to capture Weyler if he shall attempt to go to Havana by rail. Firemen and volunteers in Havana are being sent to Weyler's relief. Heretofore these troops were used in the defense of the city.

"Since Tuesday's raid on Guanabacoa, the city has been attacked almost every night, and Thursday night 250 Cuban cavalry rode for two hours through the city. Thirty-six houses have been burned and a large quantity of supplies and ammunition seized; also a large number of mules loaded and ready to leave the city were taken."

Big Football Match Arranged.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wisconsin university football eleven and the team from the Carlisle Indian school will play a game of football in the Coliseum some time before Christmas. Capt. Richards of the Wisconsin team was in Chicago yesterday and Saturday making arrangements with the Coliseum company and the local backers of the enterprise, and he said last night he had secured an option on the building for the game and had received favorable answers from the Indians, and the game was definitely arranged.

Kansas Fight for Senator.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 7.—Mass-meetings are to be held in populist legislative districts to ascertain the preference of populists for United States senator. The friends of Senator Peffer say they have no fear if the people can be heard on this proposition, but if left to the politicians, Breidenthal will be a dangerous opponent.

Colonies for the Manless Island.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 7.—Several colonies are being organized in this state, which will start next spring for St. John's Island, in the South Pacific ocean, where there are plenty women, but no men. The scheme proves so attractive to its managers that more recruits volunteer than can be accommodated.

Two Men Lynched in Missouri.

Lexington, Mo., Dec. 7.—At about 1 o'clock this morning a mob of Ray county farmers broke into the county jail here, secured Jesse Winner and James Nelson, held for the murder of Mrs. Winner and her two babes, and lynched them.

Gen. Franz Sigel Out of Danger.

New York, Dec. 7.—General Franz Sigel, who has been ill from pleurisy during the last two weeks, has been pronounced out of danger by attending physicians.

TO ATTACK HAVANA IS NOW THE PLAN

MACEO'S FORCES CLOSE TO THE CITY.

Insurgents Have Forced the Trocha, and Apprehension Prevails That They Are Massing for a Final Assault on the Capital—Weyler Is in a Bad Position.

London, Dec. 7.—Mr. Bayard, the United States ambassador, has written to the Daily Telegraph that he would decline the proffered Christmas gift intended as a compliment to him, and in honor of his efforts to bring about an era of good feeling between the United States and Great Britain.

Czar Approves England's Work.

London, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Sunday Times from Paris says: "It is semi-officially announced that Russia has notified France that the interest of the czar's government in the matter of the evacuation of Egypt is quite remote. The czar is said to have expressed the conviction that Great Britain has earned an indemnity by reason of her beneficent intervention in the Nile Valley."

Warlike Actions in Greece.

Athens, Dec. 7.—The king of Greece has issued a manifesto demanding army maneuvers on a large scale, and summoning 10,000 men from the reserve for the formation of a permanent camp. The selection of a new rifle for the army and other military opinions has caused a sensation.

Still Refuse to Arbitrate.

London, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Times from Hamburg says that a second meeting of employers has reaffirmed their refusal to arbitrate the dockers' strike. This is due to the fact that a guaranty fund of £250,000 has been signed for the protection and assistance of the smaller employers.

English Wheat Crop.

London, Dec. 7.—The Times, in an article reviewing the official returns, finds that the estimated wheat crop of Great Britain is 20,000,000 bushels above that of 1895.

May Abolish the Exile System.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—The Imperial council of Russia will shortly consider the proposal of the minister of justice to abolish the present system of exile in Siberia by administrative order.

Famine the Worst Ever Known.

London, Dec. 7.—The Chronicle says it hears that independent reports anticipate that despite the rains the famine will be by far the worst ever known in India.

Money for French Ships.

Paris, Dec. 7.—It is expected that the government will consent to naval credits to the amount of 30,000,000 francs.

PENSION AFFAIRS.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reviews the Work.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The report of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds for the present year shows the policy pursued in the administration of pension affairs. Suggestion is made as to the advisability of such legislation as will lodge in the federal courts the right of any one, on behalf of the government, to ask better protection to the pension fund of those laboring under legal disabilities.

It is suggested that justice demands the universal application of the common-law rule in proof of marriage. State laws govern, and lead to denial of title in cases which are equally meritorious. It is claimed pensionable rights of minor children, whose claims come under the act of June 27, 1890, should be defined with more certainty where the soldier dies leaving no widow surviving.

Escape from Reform School.

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 7.—Twenty-eight boys at the state reform school made their escape from that institution Saturday night. As soon as possible the officers were telephoned, and telegrams were sent to neighboring towns, and up to the present time all but fifteen have been captured, and five or six others have been located. They seem to be heading for the south and it is believed that they are trying for the Kansas line.

Death List Is Sixty-six.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The season of navigation on the lakes, now just closing, has been remarkably free from disasters where a large loss of life was involved. The death list is sixty-six. One passenger only was lost. It is believed to have been a case of suicide.

Noted Female Criminal Dead.

New York, Dec. 7.—Kate, widow of "Red" Leary, the bank robber, is dead. She is said to have planned the great Manhattan bank robbery. She once dug through the walls of the Tombs and set "Red" Leary free. Once \$300,000 of stolen property was dug from the sands near her home.

Another Trust Formed.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 7.—At a secret meeting here Saturday all the wood-working machinery manufacturers of the United States were consolidated.

MRS. MATTHEWS DYING.

Wife of Indiana's Governor Taken with a Fatal Hemorrhage.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Matthews, wife of Governor Matthews, was seized with a fatal hemorrhage of the stomach last night. She had been indisposed for two or three days, but was feeling so much better that she was up and about. She and the governor were alone in the library about 8:30 o'clock, when she started to walk across the room and fell to the floor with blood rushing from her mouth and nostrils. A consultation of physicians was called, but they found that Mrs. Matthews had but a few hours to live.

Mrs. Matthews is a daughter of Governor James Whitcomb, and she and the governor have been married nearly thirty years. The governor's only son, Seymour Matthews, died at Atlanta a year ago.

RIOTS IN THE MINES.

Bloodshed Is Narrowly Averted at Scranton, Pa.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 7.—Several hundred striking Italian miners are causing trouble at the Forest Coal company's mine at Archibald, a few miles north of this city. Bloodshed was narrowly avoided by the employment of armed detectives to preserve order.

The Italians objected to the deductions from their pay of the cost of the employment of expert overseers, who were keeping watch over the miners to prevent the robbing of pillars in the mines. They also opposed the removal of coal stored in forty cars in the drift in the mine. The detectives dispersed the men and made eight arrests.

Wrecked Off Florida Coast.

Ormond-by-the-Sea, Fla., Dec. 7.—Early Saturday morning the lumber schooner Nathan F. Cobb of Rockland, Me., was discovered in the surf a mile south of Hotel Coquina. Eight men were in the rigging, and great waves were breaking over them. As those on shore watched, two of the sailors were swept into the sea. At 10 o'clock a line was fastened to a lifeboat and an attempt was made to reach the wreck. In the high breakers on the first bar the lifeboat capsized and one of the crew was drowned. A line was finally thrown to the wreck, and all the men in the rigging were rescued in a pitiful state of exhaustion.

Young Man's Terrible Deed.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 7.—Maddened by unrequited love, Homer Howell, aged 27, shot and fatally wounded his former sweetheart, Miss Annie Sims, aged 24, at her home in this city Sunday, and then put a bullet in his own brain, dying at once. For years Howell and Miss Sims had been engaged to be married. Five months ago the former went to New Haven, Conn., where he had obtained more desirable employment than his previous position in Montreal. During Howell's absence Miss Sims' love grew gradually colder, and a few days ago she finally bade him to forget her.

Canada Wants Reciprocity.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 7.—The Hon. A. S. Fisher, minister of agriculture, will be in Washington on the 15th or 16th inst. He goes to discuss with the American authorities the question of abolishing the international quarantine against cattle. If the American government will agree to abolishing the quarantine against Canadian cattle it is understood that Mr. Fisher will agree, on behalf of the Canadian government, to abolish quarantine against American cattle. The minister of agriculture will remain in Washington about two weeks.

Big Federation Convention.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 7.—One week from today the sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor meets here for a session of eight to ten days. There will be only 150 delegates, representing a membership of over 600,000, but each delegate casts one vote for each 100 members he represents. The paramount question this year will be to perfect a more complete organization of all the workmen. More strenuous efforts will be made to have the eight-hour law go into effect May 1.

May Discharge the Receiver.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 7.—Judge Louis Myers of the Jefferson county court, who, under the alien land law recently appointed a receiver for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad property in Kansas, has, it is said, agreed to discharge the receiver, and the case, which has been the theme of so much discussion, will, it is further believed, now be dropped for good and all.

Rise of the Methodists.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—An original copy of the first printed "Rules for the Society of the People Called Methodists" has been unearthed in this city. It was published by John and Charles Wesley under their own signatures in 1743 and contains the first nucleus of the literature of the Methodist church.

Roswell G. Horr Will Recover.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 7.—The condition of ex-Congressman Roswell G. Horr, formerly of Michigan, now of this city, who is ill, is much improved. No complications of a serious order have as yet appeared and the family and physicians believe that Mr. Horr will recover.

BRIDEGROOM SHOT WHILE HUNTING

THE SAD DEATH OF ELIJAH SIMONDS.

New York Man Who Was at Merrimac on His Wedding Tour, Accidentally Killed While Shooting Rabbits—He Had Been Married But Three Weeks.

Merrimac, Wis., Dec. 7.—[Special]—Elijah Simonds saw shot and killed while hunting rabbits near here yesterday. The case is a sad one. He was with Charles Pigg, Fred Vanderhoof and William Vanderhoof. While waiting at hole for rabbit Simonds called out that a rabbit had just run out. Fred Vanderhoof fired and the entire charge entered Simonds' groin. He died within an hour. The victim was from New York on his wedding trip having been married but three weeks.

Danger Over at Chippewa Falls.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 7.—Major Jones of the United States army left here Sunday, after giving his opinion that the danger of the flood is at an end. It is the general belief that the damage to property will be less than was at first supposed. It is impossible to get an accurate estimate of the loss, as business men generally refuse to give out any figures. No one, however, will be prevented from remaining in business.

Seek Homes in Georgia.

Superior, Wis., Dec. 7.—The exodus of families from this section of the country to what is termed the "fruit belt" of Georgia is beginning to attract considerable attention. It is estimated that already 150 families have disposed of their belongings in this city and Duluth and taken tracts of land in the south, mostly in the vicinity of Sibley, Ga., where there is quite a colony of northern people.

Fire in Eau Claire Costs \$20,000.

Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 7.—The dry goods store of L. A. Johnson & Co. was damaged by fire and water to the extent of \$20,000 Sunday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown.

May Be Leprosy.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Brooklyn board of health has ordered a medical inspection of the quarters of the Streets of Cairo show at Coney island bower on suspicion that the skin disease from which the camels of the show are suffering has been communicated to their attendants. It is said that the disease resembles leprosy.

Report of Iowa Railroad Commission.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 7.—The annual report of the Iowa railroad commission to the governor will be filed within a short time. It will show that the roads have had a gratifying increase of earnings in the past year. Their total earnings foot up \$41,539,834, an increase of over \$5,000,000 as compared with the previous year. The lines have all submitted the statistical reports required by the law.

Offer \$15,000 to Fitz and Corbett.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—There is a prospect that Corbett and Fitzsimmons may be brought together in this city in a ten-round contest. The Olympic Athletic club, one of the oldest and most influential institutions of the city, has offered the men \$15,000 to fight ten rounds under its management. Corbett has accepted the proposition, which will now be laid before Fitzsimmons.

Express Train Is Wrecked.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—The locomotive and two cars of a Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee express train, consisting of five cars, jumped the track a mile north of Milwaukee Junction, Saturday night, while running at a speed of over thirty miles an hour. Singularly enough no one was injured. The accident was supposedly caused by a misplaced switch.

Two New Gunboats Launched.

Bath, Me., Dec. 7.—The new gunboats, Vicksburg and Newport, were launched from the works of the Bath Iron works Saturday afternoon before an immense crowd. The Vicksburg went into the water at 12:35 o'clock, and the Newport followed twenty minutes later. The launchings were successful in every respect.

John R. Tanner to Marry.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—John R. Tanner will not go into the executive mansion at Springfield alone. Before matter of state claim him he will, Dec. 30, give his whole attention to an affair of the heart, which he has skillfully concealed from his political friends for seven or eight years. That day he will be married to Miss Cora Edith English of Springfield.

Evidently a Case of Murder.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 7.—Jonas Fowler, a wealthy timber and coal dealer of Logan county, was found dead in a coal mine on Big Ugly creek yesterday. It is believed he was murdered.

Big Distillery to Be Built.

Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 7.—The Interstate Distilling Company was organized here Saturday with \$500,000 capital stock and will erect a large distillery at once.

SOME THINGS THAT WERE SAID IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES SUNDAY

ALL SOULS CHURCH. Sunday morning at the People's church, Rev. Southworth's lecture of "Spiritualism" was listened to by a very interested audience. The speaker made a plea for generosity and justice in our criticisms of spiritualism. In part he said:

What is there unreasonable in the proposition that "disembodied spirits can and do communicate with their embodied friends?" And if they do, if words of reassurance and comfort do come from the psychic realm to hearts bowed down with sorrow, in the name of our common humanity, where is the harm?

Call it "the resurrection of Christ," and the Christian world applauds and gives it its unquestioning endorsement. Call it "spiritualism," and the pulpit and pew unite in execrating it as "of the devil." Call it "the conversion of the apostle Paul on the road to Damascus," and "Christians" accept it as the type of all spiritual conversions. But call it "trance," "spirit communications," "a visitation from beyond the grave," and call it "clairvoyance," and what an uproar of vituperation! Call it "the transfiguration on the mount," and it is accepted as altogether right and true. Call it "a materialization of spirit," and who is there so self-abandoned as to look with the least approval upon it? It was "a miracle," then, it is an absurdity now.

Examine once more the New Testament records of these psychic phenomena and then read the carefully prepared accounts of modern psychic phenomena, and you will see how in all important particulars they are strikingly similar.

Should Be Consistent

The people who accept biblical thaumaturgy without a question ought to be consistent enough to consider in an impartial spirit this spiritualistic thaumaturgy of modern times.

If the apocalyptic clairvoyance and clairaudience of the author of the book of Revelations is to be respected and reverently received, why not the visions of Emanuel Swedenborg or of any other highly endowed psychic? If we admit the possibility of such transactions in the case of the New Testament inspired medium, we must also admit the possibility of similar transactions now. Similar causes produce similar events everywhere in the world. The same process operates in orderly ways at all times. What can be done by physical or spiritual agencies 1800 years ago; can be done by the same agencies now. Right here, however, I want you to reflect upon a very important consideration with regard to this and all similar questions. Someone has said, "Nothing can lie like a fact."

Dr. Adams said the other evening that "nothing is so hard to find as a fact." And so when you have found a fact, there arises the greater difficulty of classifying it, of understanding its relation to other facts. A fact may be misunderstood, may be misapplied. We may give it an utterly untruthful explanation. We may exaggerate its importance; or we may minimize its importance. It is not enough to find out a fact. We must find out also its appropriate place and use in the order of things.

Invent Our Theories.

The great difficulty in any line of study arises from the custom of inventing our theories first and then finding our facts to depend on our theories. We adopt a hypothesis. We make an assumption. We surrender our mind prematurely to some conclusion. And then with a preposterous pretence of sincerity we go out in search of arguments and evidences to substantiate our case.

Apply this to the question in hand. People are quick to decide for or against the spiritualistic hypothesis. They arrive at some fixed opinion and afterward attempt to prove that they were not mistaken. Our precipitate conclusion colors our mental vision. We see what we want to see more readily than what we do not want to see. The facts that help to fortify our position are exaggerated, while the facts which weaken our position are unconsciously underestimated. This is human nature.

It is not easy to stand on middle ground. To maintain an attitude of absolute impartiality. It is not easy to weigh with a judicial nicety the adverse as well as the favorable evidence.

The facts of the physical order are absolutely authenticated many of them. There are cases of various spiritualistic manifestations which are beyond dispute. Mysterious transactions have occurred which were witnessed by reliable and well-trained observers. The facts are beyond question. The explanation of the facts is not so sure. Phenomena have occurred and do occur which cannot be explained by any clearly ascertained cause. A careful study of the transactions leads one to see that the spiritualistic hypothesis is by far the best explanation yet discovered. And if this hypothesis can be by a systematic series of scientific experiments be satisfactorily demonstrated the world of intelligent thinkers ought to rejoice.

Hope and Certainty.

I, for one, would be glad to have my hope of immortality transformed into an absolute certainty. I would be glad to receive through the evidence of my

senses a direct, positive, and unmistakable assurance that the grave is an open door, swinging outward into an eternity of moral and spiritual progress. If spiritualism can give me such an assurance, if by actual and tangible evidence the doctrine of immortality can be substantiated, I say, it is well.

Why, according to the records which are usually accepted as beyond question—why did Jesus show himself after his burial? Why did he rise from the dead? Was it not in order to bring to his followers an unmistakable assurance of the truth he had taught? Was it not that he might bring "life and immortality to the light?"

There was the doubting Thomas who wanted to investigate; who had a positive horror of saying a thing is true, when it is not true. He said: "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now I have great respect for Thomas. He did not care for guess work. He was too honest to accept the truth of a proposition on insufficient evidence. He held that we ought to "prove all things."

There are Thomases today. People who are slow to arrive at the ultimate conclusion. People who are not so easily convinced. Deliberate and conscientious thinkers. Who want to be honest. Who are not going to say a thing is so, until all possible evidence has been judicially considered.

Do Not Like to Be Fooled.

They are not bad people. They have a constitutional dislike of being fooled. They believe that an honest mind will hold its opinion in reserve; will be slow to deny or to affirm; will say "I don't know," when "I don't know" is the simple truth.

Other people always have an opinion—quite as often erroneous as correct. Some believe very easily—they have a fatal weakness in that direction. Some disbelieve very easily—they have a fatal weakness in that direction.

But the "Thomases" are reverently and truthfully open to conviction. They say, "give us facts; give us evidence; give us all the evidence available."

Such people may have a strong and confident hope of immortality, but they don't know. They neither deny nor affirm. They want to be convinced. They investigate.

Immortality to them is a beautiful idea. They will be as glad for it as any. They want it to be true. They would like to feel sure about it. But they say "except I know, I must remain in doubt."

To such people it may be that modern spiritualism can bring some altogether satisfactory proof of immortality. If so, will it not be a great blessing? Will it not be a comfort? And again, I ask, where in the name of our common humanity—where is the harm?

Can any good come out of the Nazareth of spiritualism? Don't be too rapid in saying "No!" It never pays to be ungenerous to anything. Wait and see!

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The subject of Mr. Pence's sermon was "The Bread of Life" and his text was John 6:35. "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger; he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

The thought was brought out very clearly that Jesus was as necessary to the spiritual life as bread to the bodily sustenance. After the sermon eight members were received into the church and the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered. Rev. Dr. Smith assisted in the services. Dr. Smith, who is the father of S. M. Smith, of this city, was for twenty years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Galena, and was for six years president of Parsons College. He is at present residing in this city recuperating his health, lost through overwork.

There will be a business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society in the church parlors this evening after teachers' meeting.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society will give a ten cent entertainment at the church Friday evening to raise money for their mission work.

THE COEDS HAVE A GLEE CLUB. Girls Propose to Have Some Music at Beloit College.

A women's glee club is one of the results of co-education at Beloit college. It was organized three weeks ago with an enthusiastic membership of sixteen. It will be conducted under the leadership of Miss Lillian Wherry, '99, and has the interest of President Eaton and Prof. Allen. The club promises to rival the old glee club among the boys, which is in a somewhat doubtful stage of its existence this fall. The membership of the club is as follows:

First Sopranos—Mary E. Nichols, Viroqua; Ruby L. Garlick, Beloit; Hattie M. Chamberlain, Beloit; Caroline B. Sennitt, Plainfield, Ill. First Altos—M. Faith McAuley, West Chicago, Ill.; Grace L. Chamberlain, Beloit; Elizabeth B. Whitney, Beloit; Martha S. Dixon, Viroqua.

Second Sopranos—Marion F. Vale, Beloit; Lillian Wherry, River Forest, Ill.; Helen B. Edwards, Clinton; Myrtle E. Miller, Beloit. Second Altos—Marie L. Sprague, Elkhorn; Clara F. Mussey, Port Atkinson, Ill.; May A. Rowe, Chamberlain, S. D.; E. Carolyn Dixon, Viroqua.

GOSSIP FOR JANESVILLE FOLK

The horseman broke the blooded colt; But Fate, so cold and grim, Overtook him at the race track, when The blooming colt broke him. B. H. PULKER is in town. MARK COLLINS is in the City. CARD racks 10 cents each. Lowell's. GEORGE SIMPSON was in Chicago today.

UNION Catholic League social tonight.

The Light Infantry will drill tonight.

SMITH's orchestra plays in Edgerton tonight.

W. E. EVENSON is home from Chicago.

Mrs. A. E. RICH spent the day in Chicago.

LARGE invoice of skates just received at Lowell's.

SUNDAY skaters were few on account of the snow.

F. E. ADAMS of Kenosha, spent Sunday in the city.

FRANK GAGAN was up from Clinton to spend Sunday.

RABBIT hunters were out in fall force this morning.

F. N. FERRIS of Appleton, spent Sunday in the city.

FRED JEFFERIS returned to Beloit college this morning.

You don't have to be an artist to draw interferences.

FORTY cent folding lunch boxes, only 10 cents at Lowell's.

SLEDs for presents, snow shovels for business, at Lowell's.

THE Court Street Epworth League social occurs this evening.

CONDUCTOR J. H. DOWER Sundayed with his family in this city.

"The Merry World" company played to a light house in Rockford.

THE way some men skate they use the ice most on the day after.

Mrs. James J. Hall left on the morning train for a day in Chicago.

FRED SMITH of Richland Center, spent Sunday with local friends.

D. D. BENNETT is now employed in Capt. Pliny Norcross' power house.

DANIEL SHIMMEL of Chicago, was in the city Saturday, greeting old friends.

H. W. CHILDS, the Egerton tobacco man, spent Sunday with local friends.

WILLIAM F. PALMER is in Chicago, in the interest of the Parker Pen company.

THE Hart Comedy company engagements opens at the Myers Grand tonight.

PEARL handle pocket knives 25 cents, a nice assortment of cutlery—Lowell's.

THIS is the regular drill night of the Christ Church cadets and the Boys' brigade.

THE Daughters of Rebekah enjoyed a dance at Odd Fellows' hall, Saturday evening.

"My life is one of reverses," said the buckwheat cake as the cook flipped it over on the griddle.

THE regular meeting of Oriental lodge Knights of Pythias, will be held tonight at Castle hall.

FANCY china dishes, cups and saucers and beautiful dainty articles of all kinds for Christmas gifts. Lowell's.

U. W. CHRISTIAN of Kankakee, Ill., who represents the Richardson-Norcross shoe factory, upon the road, is in the city.

INVITATIONS have been received in this city for a dancing party to be given in Clinton, on the evening of December 14.

Books for grown people, children, and everybody. We have all kinds of books, from dictionaries and bibles, to novels and picture books. Lowell's.

MISSERS Mame and Agnes McNeil accompanied by their cousin, Miss Mollie Monahan, of Chilton, spent Sunday with relatives at Clinton.

MR and Mrs. Louis F. Knipp and Mr. and Mrs. William Knipp have gone to Racine to attend the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Klinkert.

If I were you I would buy Christmas goods, stoves, tinware, skates, shoes, crockery, etc., of Lowell's. Open every evening until Christmas. Lowell Hardware Co.

THE M X make of tea and coffee pots nickel plated, are considered the highest class goods in the country. We have a large assortment of sizes. Lowell Hardware Co.

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MAKING UP A LIST OF THE PATIENTS

SUPT. ALLER HAS INMATES FOR NEW SCHOOL.

Feeble Minded Sufferers To Be Sent to the Chippewa Falls Institution Soon—The Great Importance of the Work—Appropriation of \$100,000 To Be Made.

The completion of the State school for the feeble minded at Chippewa Falls, means a saving for the taxpayers of Rock county. Supt. Aller is now engaged in making arrangements for the removal of several patients from the county building, but just how many will go has not yet been decided. A report will first have to be considered by the state board of control for it is the intention to select from these applications those cases that from the descriptions seem to be the heaviest burden upon the public institutions and upon private families. It is also intended to care for those capable of being taught, but too backward to be taught in the public schools.

Supt. Aller is preparing his list in response to the request of President Heg of the State Board of control. Have An Unlimited Field.

The new state home for the feeble minded has engrossed the attention of the board the past year more than any other institution. The circular sent out by the board to the public for the purpose of learning approximately the number and general characteristics of the probable applicants for admission to the home, has brought forth many responses, but in order to make responses more clear and explicit the board has sent out blanks to trustees of county asylums, all public and private institutions, as well as heads of families, to be filled up. The board is deeply impressed with the opinion that there is an unlimited field of labor before it. It is plain to be seen that the home for the feeble minded will be filled with great rapidity. At first care will be taken to select from the applications those cases that from the descriptions seem to be the heaviest burden upon the public institutions and upon private families.

Will Need \$100,000.

In order to properly attend to all calls made in the interest of this unfortunate class of people, an appropriation of at least \$100,000 must be asked for. The better class, those capable of being educated in certain degrees must be separated from the class not capable of being taught. The "feeble minded" said a member of the board, "are causing no little alarm. They must receive prompt attention on the part of the state."

While the state board of control has not yet formed an estimate of the amount of the appropriations that will be required of the next legislature to carry on the work of the various institutions under its control, it is safe to say that the increase of the state population the past two years must be considered as tending to stimulate the demands for attention. All the institutions will require increased aid it is said.

An Enormous Cat.

We give you some figures in our large ad this evening that are of a somewhat startling nature, considering the large and choice assortment of jackets and capes which our stock is noted for. We make a final reduction and make it so strong that even the person who has not had the remotest idea of purchasing a garment, will consider well the proposition we make. The goods are all that can be asked for in style, make, etc., and the bargains are so genuine that it won't take long for the buyers to pick them up.

Bort, Bailey & Co.

THE OUTCAST.

THE LAST RACE.

THE SOCIETY CIRCUS.

PRICES—10, 20 and 30c.

One ladies' free ticket with each 30c ticket Monday. Sale opens Saturday.

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Has never helped anybody. Business offices have no room for "half-way" help. Only thorough training and constant drill of a good business college can proficiency be insured. Let us send you a description of our methods.

For further particulars call at or write to...

Janesville Business College, Jackman Block, Janesville, Wisconsin.

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Three Nights,

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THE BIG STORE 20, 22, 24, 26, S. MAIN ST., JANESVILLE, WIS.
WE KEEP THE QUALITY UP

CLOAKS

They are down in price, for we have decided to reduce our stock to accord with the desired result.

PRICE POWER.

Any woman who will take the trouble to see the various lines of cloaks in this city cannot fail to notice how far above all the rest this store's stock towers when it comes to the assortment of desirable styles to select from and the general get-up of ours.

Our Garments Are Made Right, Fit Right, Possess Style, Wear Well.

We own ours at figures LOWER than any other store in Janesville, and the CUT IN PRICES that we are able to make will insure a large sale. We want it distinctly understood that it is not a common thing to find such a complete line of Capes and Jackets in a city of Janesville's size.

The Empires, The Greens, The Golf Capes, The Fly Fronts,

all of the very newest and choicest creations are here and can be bought at

VERY LOW PRICES.

Misses' Garments, Children's Garments, Infants' Garments

are all going the same way. Nothing left out, everything in winter garments included in this

Reduce Stock Sale :::

In Connection

with the sale of the very latest styles mentioned above, we shall put in AT ALMOST ANY PRICE to close them out about 100 Cloaks bought last season, that are longer than the prevailing styles, but are excellent for women not too particular. Splendid styles in sizes 42, 44, 46, for large women.



She Feels Happy
because she uses our Coal for cooking and heating purposes. We can supply you with all kinds of Wood and Coal and make you happy. Have you tried our No. 3 Nut Coal? Choice Maple Wood \$5.50 per cord.

JANESVILLE COAL CO.

P. E. NEUSES, Secretary.
Leave orders at Stevens' pharmacy, Main and Milwaukee streets; or at E. O. Smith & Co.'s

Another week of Taffy Candies at 10c per lb.

Unsurpassed in excellence of quality. Our

CREAM, MOLASSES, PEANUT, COCONUT and WALNUT

Taffies are winning the sweet teeth of the city. You can easily afford a bag of taffy on your table at home at all times.

Paul Gehrke, West Side Bakery, 161 W. Milwaukee St.

THE JANESVILLE GAZETTE

THE OFFICIAL CITY PAPER

Entered at the postoffice at Janesville, Wis., as second class matter.

WILLING TO BE LET ALONE.

Congress comes together to find business men willing to be let alone until next year. The immediate application of strong remedies is not demanded. Merchants feel no disappointment because business has not revived instantly upon the result of election. They knew that any spurt in trade at the close of the season was out of the question; and they see enough to satisfy them that affairs have now entered on a phase in which a great revival of trade is inevitable. In every branch of operations the feeling is that of entire confidence in the spring trade. This applies to all sections of the country, and one looks in vain for a shadow of pessimism anywhere.

W. W. Clarke has been named as a candidate for the Milton postoffice. The fact that he seems very likely to be appointed without an effort will be a source of pleasure to the Rock county at large no less than to Milton.

Judging from newspaper comment the south has had enough of free silver experiments. Not more than half a dozen southern dailies favor any further ventures along that line.

ODD BITS OF LOCAL GOSSIP

\$5 cloaks for \$2.50.
\$10 cloaks for \$5.
\$15 cloaks for \$7.50.
\$20 cloaks for \$10.
\$25 cloaks for \$12.50.
\$30 cloaks for \$15.

During the month of December at T. P. Burns.

SKATES at Lowell's.

CHRISTMAS presents at Lowell's.

PRETTY glassware at Lowell's.

NEVERALIP rubber soles at Richardson's.

A few second hand stoves on hand at Lowell's.

ANOTHER invoice of 17c books just in at Lowell's.

Tonight, 10, 20 and 30 cents, Myers Grand Opera House.

Buck saws and axes, for wood pile purposes, at Lowell's.

A nice assortment of dolls and doll heads at Lowell's.

ONE box of 3 bars fine toilet soap 5 cents at Lowell's.

WARRANTED first class high grade wringers, \$1.35 at Lowell's.

Is your stove pipe down and does the stove smoke? Talk with Lowell about it.

TABLE knives and forks, nut picks, pocket knives and shears, great assortment at Lowell's.

THE greatest jacket and cape opportunity offered this season, is the half price sale of Bort, Bailey & Co.

YOU can "wear diamonds" at a small outlay. 35c a pair for the rubber neverslip kind for the soles of shoes. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

FOR SALE—300 bales extra choice timothy hay. If taken at store 45 cents. Delivered 50 cents. F. A. Taylor.

YOU're right to buy the kind of flour you wish, but have you tried Pearl White or Vienna, made by J. M. Shackleton? None better made.

REV. SOUTHWORTH announces as his subject for the next Sunday morning lecture, "The Martyrdom of Reason; or What it Costs to Be Honest."

WINTER weather brings out the shoppers, but it does not bring them to particular stores. Only the magnetic influence of publicity can exert that specific pull.

A gas fitter's match caused a small fire at Koller's jewelry store in the Jackson block at 8 o'clock this morning, and an alarm was turned in from No. 2 Fire station. The loss was nominal.

DON'T forget that we have the largest force at work in the city on tin sheet iron and furnace work and can take care of your repair work scientifically and hurriedly. We make a specialty of repairing tin roofs. Lowell Hardware Co.

THE Musical-Literary society will meet this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Jeffris, on South Main street. Members are requested to bring their "Elijahs," with the idea of singing the chorus "He That Watches Over Israel."

THE Sarantelle for eight hands by Reinberger, to be rendered at Y. M. C. A. band concert by Mrs. Stever.

Mrs. Fiffeld, Miss Weisend and Miss Hathorn is an exceptionally brilliant selection and alone worth the admission.

CITIZENS club will meet tonight at the home of Rev. V. E. Southworth.

FORESTARK. Mrs. I. H. Carpenter will read a paper on "What the Individual Citizen Has a Right to Expect From the Government of the United States."

THE Rondo for two pianos as played at the Y. M. C. A. band concert by Mrs. W. J. Sherer and Mrs. F. F. Lewis is a very brilliant number. It is needless to say it will be rendered artistically as the ability of these pianists is well known.

REMEMBER that buying the water plant under the expedient proposed—if the supreme court will let us do so—is establishing a very bad precedent. If the city can so buy the water plant, it can so buy anything else, and the indebtedness would grow beyond all bounds.

DEATH ANGEL CAME WHILE HE SLEPT

SUDDEN DEMISE OF FRANK R. SAILER.

But an Hour After His Father Left Him, Apparently in His Usual Health, He Was Found To Be Dead—Other Work of the Grim Reaper.

Frank R. Sailer, the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Sailer, of 108 Milton avenue, went to sleep last evening apparently well, and at 4:45 this morning he was discovered to be dead.

Heart failure was the cause. For the past week the young man has complained of not feeling well, although nothing serious was anticipated. Last evening, in order to be near the fire he went to sleep upon the sofa in the sitting room while his father stayed by his side in a rocking chair. At 3:45 o'clock Mr. Sailer went to the side of his son and found him to be sleeping soundly. Being tired out himself he fell asleep. An hour afterwards he awoke, and going to his son's side, found him dead.

The young man was loved and esteemed by all who knew him. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Jabin Halsey will officiate and the interment will be in Oak Hill cemetery. The time and place of holding will be announced later.

Funeral of Mark Ripley.

Funeral services over the remains of Mark Ripley were held this afternoon from the Court street residence at 2 o'clock. The Rev. M. G. Dodge officiated, and the funeral was under the auspices of the Knights Templar. The pall bearers were V. P. Richardson, C. B. Conrad, W. T. Vankirk, O. E. Rausous, L. S. Lee and G. M. McKay.

Mr. Ripley was born in New York state on July 22, 1832, and when he was thirteen years of age, became a resident of Fond du Lac, where his parents resided some years. Later he was employed in the construction of the railroad between Fond du Lac and Janesville in company with Henry Crane. Settling in this city, he operated the lime kilns and stone quarry on the Strunk farm, near Janesville.

Still later, he was associated with Frank Strunk in a livery stable in this city. For some years he was engaged in the insurance business. Some time ago his health began to fail. He suffered with bronchial consumption and heart disease, and his illness had been long and painful. Four years ago he went to New Mexico and California for his health, but the change of climate did not produce the desired result, and he continued to grow weaker until he was obliged to take to his bed.

He leaves a widow to mourn his death—their only son, George, having died in 1880—and two step daughters, Mrs. Page, and Miss Ruth Culver.

Mr. Ripley possessed many sterling traits of character, and was much respected. Personally he was quiet and unassuming, but a force of character and a sturdy honesty dominated his life in a way that won him universal respect.

Mrs. Michael Ward, Beloit, Dec. 7.—[Special]—Mrs. Michael Ward, formerly Miss Josie Garvin, of Janesville, died last night of typhoid fever. The funeral will be held at Janesville on Wednesday.

Many in this city will read with sorrow of the death of Mrs. Ward. She will be remembered as Miss Fannie Garvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Garvin of this city, who spent most of her girlhood years here.

Besides a husband she leaves five children—four boys and one girl—all of whom have just recovered from typhoid fever, the disease which caused their mother's death. The case is a particularly sad one, for it was while battling for the lives of her little ones that Mrs. Ward fell a victim to the dread disease, and after a short but brave struggle the soul left its tenement of clay for the home which He has prepared for all who serve Him faithfully.

A father, mother, six sisters and one brother survive her, all of whom were at her bedside before the end came.

The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's church Wednesday morning. The time not yet being decided upon.

William Ablett.

William Ablett, one of the well known farmers of the town of Fulton, died at his home in that township Saturday night of cerebro spinal meningitis, aged forty-five years, and the funeral was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the United Brethren church in the town of Fulton.

Mr. Ablett had suffered an attack of a similar nature twenty years ago and had been more or less affected thereby ever since. A widow and one son survive him.

George Hiram Little.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Little of Milwaukee, formerly of Janesville, are passing through the deep waters of affliction because of the death of their only son, George Hiram, who died of diphtheria Friday morning. The child was five years old.

STATE OF WISCONSIN—CIRCUIT COURT FOR ROCK COUNTY—Allen E. Rich, plaintiff vs. Frank E. Behrendt, Eva N. Behrendt, his wife, Elmer E. Calkins, Irene E. Calkins, his wife, Arnold E. Shumway, Edwin A. Coles and L. C. Ayrell, defendants.

The State of Wisconsin to the said defendants and each of them: You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after the service of this summons, above entitled action in the court aforesaid, and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the herewith set forth complaint; of which a copy is

DUNWIDDER & WHEELER, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

P. O. Address: Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin.

25 Per Cent. Off

On Every Article in Stock, Except Rubbers.

We will not wait until after the holidays, but right now will make this enormous cut when you are supposed to need goods for yourself and family. For instance:

Ladies' Shoes, lace or button, formerly \$2, now.....\$1.50
Men's Shoes, lace or congress, formerly \$2, now..... 1.50
Boys' Suits, 2 pieces, formerly \$2, now..... 1.50
Men's Overcoats, formerly \$5, now..... 3.75
Albums, formerly \$1, now..... .75
Dolls formerly 25c, now..... .19
Calicoes, formerly 7c, now..... .05

and so on—everything and anything in this store will be sold at a reduction of 25 per cent.

All goods marked in plain figures; take off 1/4 and they are yours. Don't miss this chance.

THE BEE HIVE,

53 West Milwaukee Street....

....Opposite First National Bank

P. S.—We sell for cash only.

Specialties for Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Best Black and White Saxony Yarn, at...

3 1-2c Skein

Children's Wool Hose, sizes 6 1/2 to 9 1/2, well worth 20 cents, at

12 1-2c pair

These prices prove that
'It Pays To Trade at Hoffmaster's.'

H. HOFFMASTER & SON,

18 S. Main Street,

Janesville.

Ragged Edges

on.....
your Collar?

It must have been
roughly used in the
laundry.

We are proud of the way
linen lasts when sent to us,
and want to hear of any cause
of complaint that may arise.

Janesville
Steam Laundry,
18 S. Main Street.

Our Motto:

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Sheldon's,
Milwaukee and Main.
Hardware.

MRS. SADLER,

Moved to 15 West Milwaukee
Street, opposite post office.

What! Three flues
in a Heating Stove?
A third more radiating
surface? But the Fa-
vorite is the only one
you know.

A. H. Sheldon & Co.,
Hardware,
Milwaukee and Main.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. C. D. Stevens.

One good turn deserves another. Twenty dollars for a twenty-five dollar stove.

A. H. Sheldon & Co.,
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Hardware.

CALL FOR

Knipp's Beer at \$1.75 a case. Have a case sent up. CITY BOTTLING WORKS, North Main Street, Janesville, Wis.

Private Parlor Entertainments
Ladies desiring to entertain their friends with a first-class Art Exhibition can secure a high grade Scaptocon, an expert operator and a large private collection of beautiful views to exhibit in their own parlors any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday evening. These exhibitions are strictly artistic and refined and are very popular with the ladies of Europe and in the Eastern states. For particulars, terms and dates, address "Exhibitor," P. O. box 915, city.

Cough your head off.
No need of it though.

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Does the work. Guaranteed to cure a cough or cold of any kind. It's so good we refund your money willingly if it don't cure.

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"Oh, our pocket knives are as good as H. & B." "Ours are best; H. & B. next." Two common expressions of traveling men. We have H. & B. Better try one.

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Milwaukee and Main,
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THE BOSTON STORE,

LOWER SHOE PRICES!

To clean up the shoe sale in a hurry we offer every pair on the bargain counter at

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\$1.00 a pair would be extremely low for them

THIS WEEK ONLY:
Price's (16 oz.) full weight 50c Baking Powder,

Every can warranted to contain 16 ounces. No shortage in them as some dealers have given you.

The Boston Store

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TELEPHONE 239.

More Sausage

made at our market than any other in the city. We have a special sausage factory that keeps three men doing nothing but making sausage. What other people can see of superior quality in our sausage will certainly come to you on first trial.

Our Spring Brook

selected fancy pork sausage made for particular people, 15c a lb. Others ask 18c for sausage not so good!

Our Kettle Rendered Lard

is made by us and is of high quality, no cotton seed oil mixed in, but pure lard.

WM. KAMMER,

Corner Western and Center Ave.
Telephone 219.

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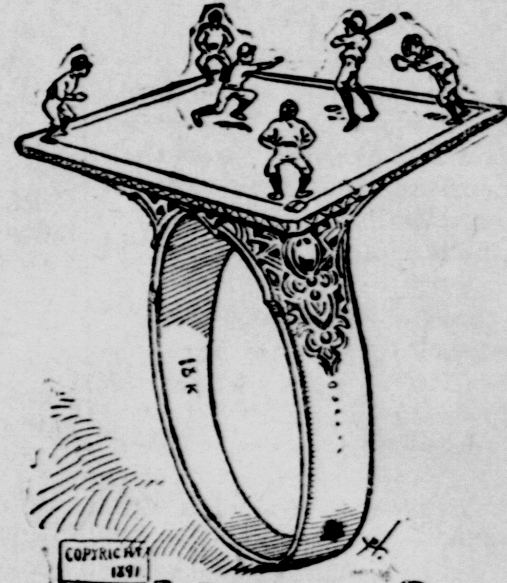
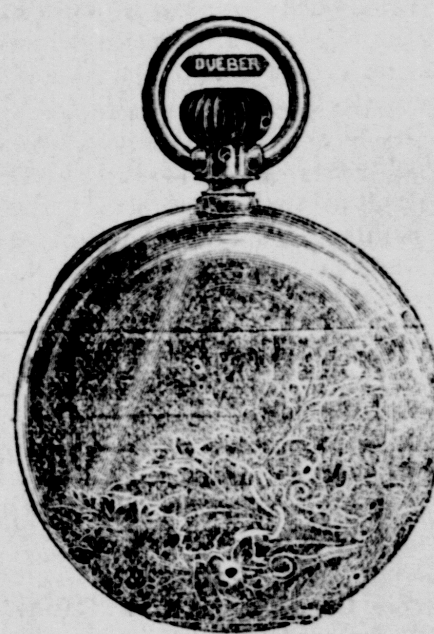
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DELIVERED.

Cannel Coal for grates, Hocking Valley soft coal, best Illinois soft coal for steam. We are still selling all kinds of anthracite coal at Anti-Combine prices for cash only.

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THIS YEAR.



This is everybody's cry and yet you always give Christmas gifts. It's impossible to refrain. We make the selecting of presents an easy matter.

SPARKLING, BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY GOODS.
DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY,
SILVERWARE, SILVER NOVELTIES.
Innumerable articles most appropriate. Large line of Pocket Books and Leather Goods.

CHAFING DISHES \$5.00 AND \$5.25.
Hundreds of nice things to please the eye. See them.

HAVE YOUR EYES TESTED.

Frequent headaches sometimes show that your eyes are wrong. They come to children who study. Weak eyes—eyes that ache and tire easily—are certainly wrong. These are troubles that grow worse unless you do something for them. They develop into chronic weakness and perpetual bad eye-sight. We have an optician who will tell you what's needed. Eye glasses not only make eyes feel better, but they save and rest the eyes. Hundreds of people in Janesville would have better eyes ten years from now if they wore eye-glasses now. Our optician's services are free.

F. C. COOK & CO.
Jewelers and Opticians.

THE PLAN PROPOSED A DANGEROUS ONE

VOTE AGAINST UNLIMITED IN- DEBTEDNESS.

If We Can Buy the Water Plant According to This Expedient, We Can Buy a \$1,000,000 City Hall on Payment of \$1 in Cash—No End to Bonds.

A vote at the election tomorrow, against the proposed plan of buying the water works plant, is a vote for sound business methods in running the city affairs.

No man would conduct his private affairs on the lines laid out. No business man could buy a piece of property for \$50,000 when it stood for a mortgage of \$174,000, without figuring that he would be responsible for the mortgage.

Two lawyers tell us that the city can legally purchase. They have given us their judgment on other water works legal questions—and the courts have said they were wrong.

In these cases they have disagreed with City Attorney McElroy, whose opinions, so far, have been correct in every instance.

He says now the city cannot buy. To combat his stand, only two lawyers appear—the same two that disagreed with him before.

Whose advice is the more valuable? The advice of the lawyers that the supreme court backed up, or the advice of the lawyers whose theories have been torn to bits?

Common sense ought to tell. Is a Dangerous Plan

Then there's another thing. If the city can buy the water plant under the expedient proposed, sewers can be built, streets can be paved, and our other municipal improvements made in the same manner. The council can run the city's indebtedness into fabulous sums. The constitutional limit—the safe guard of the people—drawn for just such cases as this—will be overridden.

Buying the water plant at the price put upon it by the experts—\$230,000—is made impossible because of the limit. Buying it for \$56,000 and letting the "corporation"—(the corporation cannot be anyone else but the city)—assume the bonds, is but an indirect way of doing something which the law says cannot be done directly. It is but an expedient—a quibble—and nothing else. Why spend the people's money to decide whether or not two lawyers—whose advice has not been of the best in the past—know more law than all the other lawyers in town?

Not one lawyer, outside of these two, and those associated with them, have been quoted as having this opinion in the matter.

Shall any more of the people's money be spent to get a rating on their legal knowledge?

How Many \$1 Debts? By the expedient proposed, a city hall to cost \$1,000,000 could be built. With the understanding that the city would assume the bonds, it could be bonded for \$999,999. The city would buy the equity of redemption for one dollar by paying the annual interest on \$999,999 and the principal when it comes due.

Are the citizens of Janesville going to allow so dangerous a principle to be established?

If this plan is adopted there is no limit to the amount of bonds that the tax payers must pay, principal and interest, if the council see fit to buy under it.

The expedient is a menace to public welfare and a vote against it is simply a vote for businesslike methods.

Drop all theories and look the fact in the face. The proposition is a preposterous one and is as dangerous as it is misleading.

YOUNG LADIES TO GIVE A PARTY

Leap Year Affair Will Occur at the Armory Soon

Seventy-five of Janesville well known young ladies will give a leap year party that promises to be one of the events of the season. The Armory has been engaged, Smith's orchestra of seven pieces will play. Light refreshments will be served, and the event will take place on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 26. At a recent meeting it was decided that no young lady should engage over two dances ahead.

The Dentifrice

In selecting a dentifrice, avoid all preparations which are advertised for whitening the teeth, as to do that they must contain an acid, which will in time destroy the enamel. All that any good dentifrice can do is to keep the teeth clean. Liquid preparations are ineffectual, because in order to keep the teeth clean it is necessary to have the friction of a powder. The American Dental Association at its meeting in Boston, condemned the use of mouth washes in any form. The ideal dentifrice should be a powder which is entirely free from acid and sharp gritty substances, such as charcoal, cuttle bone, pumice stone and silica, all of which are too harsh and cutting to the enamel to be in daily use.

The Prentice Tooth Powder is prepared from select material and the ingredients are harmless, simple and effective. It is endorsed by the highest dental authorities as the ideal dentifrice. Sold by all druggists.

Our half price cloak sale is no ordinary sale. Its like has never before been held here or anywhere. T. P.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS

CHRISTMAS goods at Lowell's.

MONEY to loan. S. D. Grubb.

PRENTICE tooth powder preserves the teeth.

3 BARS toilet soap 5 cents at Lowell's.

HART's Comedy Co. arrived Sunday noon.

TOILET soap 3 bars for 5 cents at Lowell's.

ROBINSON's ale and porter touches the right spot.

NOTHING so appetizing as Robinson's ale and porter.

JACKETS and capes at half price. Bort, Bailey & Co.

THREE nights only commencing tonight, Hart's Comedy Co.

NUMBER 6 white envelopes 24 inches only 6 cents. Lowell.

J. M. BOSTWICK & Sons' sell cloaks the lowest; prove it by looking.

We make a specialty of wet weather shoes. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

INDIGESTION done away with by the use of Robinson's ale and porter.

The prettiest kind of of jackets and capes, at half price. Bort, Bailey & Co.

"My Girl is a High Born Lady," she wears Richardson's \$2.85 box calf shoes.

MANY pretty suitings left, at the Kneff & Allen assignee sale. F. L. Clemons, assignee.

PRENTICE tooth powder leaves the teeth smooth and clean, and has no injurious effect.

TROUSER patterns are still plenty at the Kneff & Allen closing out sale. F. L. Clemons, assignee.

CALL and see our line of Haviland china at Skelly's new book store, 57 West Milwaukee street.

HART's Comedy Co. arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Indiana, and are at the Park Hotel.

DOLLS, dolls, dolls, all kinds from 10 to 85 each, at Skelly's new book store, 57 West Milwaukee street.

A TABLE of cake and home made candies will be sold at the All Souls Christmas Bazaar Wednesday evening.

The offices of Attorney F. C. Burpee and the Janesville Electric company are soon to be connected by telephone.

DOLLS, iron toys, games and blocks for the little folks, at W. J. Skelly's new book store, 57 West Milwaukee street.

Mrs. C. T. WINSLOW's art sale on Tuesday, Dec. 8, commencing at ten o'clock, at 304 Jackson street Forest Park.

You can subscribe for any paper or magazine published, at W. J. Skelly's new book store, 57 West Milwaukee street.

DON'T forget we save you considerable money on shoes. Old story but true just the same. Lowell Hardware Co.

THE rubber diamond shoes, for slippery weather we sell at 35c a pair are easily attached to the shoes. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

LARGE invoice of ladies' and children's all wool legging, of good length, for winter wear, at Helen Servatius, 21 West Milwaukee street.

LADIES are cordially invited to inspect the display of handkerchiefs bought especially for the holiday trade, at Helen Servatius.

PRAYER books, hymnals and Bibles; a nice line, all new stock, for sale at the new book store. W. J. Skelly, 57 West Milwaukee street.

SEE the Christmas numbers of American and foreign pictorial papers at W. J. Skelly's new book store, 57 West Milwaukee street.

If you want a bargain in a good big Radiant Home stove, come in and see us at once. We have one left. It's a number 7. Lowell Hardware Co.

THE bargains to be secured in clothing and gents furnishings at the Kneff & Allen assignee sale are still numerous. F. L. Clemons Assignee.

TONIGHT at the Myers Grand, Hart's Comedy Co. Don't fail to see them. Prices 10, 10 and 30 cents. Ladies free if accompanied by one paid ticket.

DON'T wait until later but come now and pick out your slippers for your husband, father or brother. One-fourth off for every pair. The Bee Hive.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold an all day's quilting bee in the church parlors, Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Books for Christmas, all the late and popular novels, all new stock, at sweeping reductions from publisher's prices. W. J. Skelly, 57 West Milwaukee street.

Y. M. C. A. band concert tomorrow evening. Tickets 15 cents, advance sale two for 25 cents on sale at Palmer & Bonesteel's, Sutherland & Sons and C. A. Thompson's.

The annual Christmas bazaar of All Souls' Church will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock. There will be all kinds of fancy and useful articles for sale and supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

W. J. SKELLY has opened a new book store at 57 West Milwaukee street, where he will keep a full line of stationery, albums, dolls, pocket books, fancy china, Bibles and prayer books, and all the late books and publications by popular authors.

W. J. SKELLY has opened a new book store at 57 West Milwaukee street, nearly opposite the First National bank. Besides carrying all the late and popular books he will carry a nice line of fan y china, dolls, iron toys, games and blocks of all kinds, bibles, prayer books, albums, fancy celluloid novelties, Christmas cards and pocket knives. Come and see our new store. All new goods at popular prices.

L. M. THOMAS NAMED AS THE DELEGATE

ATTEND THE NATIONAL MEET- ING OF CONDUCTORS.

Session Will Be Held at Los Angeles, Cal.—Annual Meeting of the Local Division Held Yesterday—Officers Chosen—Catholic Knights Choose Charles Viney as President

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Bower City Division, No. 113, Order of Railway Conductor took place yesterday afternoon at their West Milwaukee street hall. The report of Secretary L. M. Thomas of the past year's work was read and accepted and showed that financially the order is in a flourishing condition. L. M. Thomas was elected to attend the next national meeting of the Order of Railway Conductors to be held in Los Angeles, California, with John Nightengale as alternate. The following officers for the ensuing year were then elected:

Chief Conductor—F. D. Shugrue.

Assistant Chief Conductor—George Devine.

Secretary and Treasurer—J. B. Callahan.

Senior Conductor—J. B. Shugrue.

Junior Conductor—H. Williams.

Inside Sentinel—A. E. Rich.

Outside Sentinel—Frank Sweeney.

Catholic Knights Election.

The Catholic Knight of Wisconsin, Branch No. 60, held their annual meeting and election yesterday afternoon, and for the tenth time Charles Viney was chosen as president.

The report of the work during the past year was most encouraging. Reports showed a membership of forty in this city, and about 800 in the state. The following officers were elected:

President—Chas. Viney.

Vice President—James Dee.

Treasurer—John Weisend.

Secretary—P. Kavanaugh.

Trustee—W. T. Dooley.

OFFICERS HUNT FOR ONE JAMES MARTIN

UNNATURAL CRIME CHARGED TO HIM.

At First There Was Strong Talk of Lynching the Suspected Man, But He Has Not Been Apprehended—Sensation Among the Farmers Residing About Johnstown.

A fiendish crime is reported to have been committed by one John Martin upon the seven year old daughter of G. Schimmel, near Johnstown.

Lynching has been talked of, if the guilty party is captured.

Schimmel resides on a farm near Johnstown. For the past few weeks a stranger has been at work for him, who gave the name of John Martin. Martin became infatuated with Schimmel's daughter, who is but seven years old.

His alleged crime was at first kept quiet, but the serious condition of the girl resulted in a warrant being sworn out in Milton for Martin's arrest. So far Martin has made good his escape, and has not been heard from.

Constable James Anderson, of Milton, was in the city to inform the sheriff and police, and a number of farmers near Johnstown have volunteered their services in hunting for him.

At first there was strong talk of lynching, but the feeling has since quieted down a little.

NEWS OF A LOCAL NATURE

ORRIN P. MATHEWS Sundayed in Hanover.

J. M. BOSTWICK & Sons sell cloaks lowest. Prove it by looking.

Best five pound Arctic note paper one fourth ream 12 cents. Lowell.

PENDLETON & Gilkey bought the hook and ladder truck team for \$100.

Forty-five members of Greek and General History classes of the High school, will visit Beloit college tomorrow, and will be entertained by Professor Wright.

J. M. BOSTWICK & Sons' 10 cent handkerchief window is a grand success. Big window, big handkerchief values, big stock, big satisfaction, people pleased.

The special election to decide the matter of public or private ownership of the water plant, occurs tomorrow.

If the public ownership theory wins, there will be more litigation, more court costs, and more delay, with the probability that the supreme court will decide that the city cannot buy.

A vote against public ownership, at this time, is a vote for business-like administration of public affairs. Theories and promises fade away before the cold hard fact that the purchase of the water plant at \$56,000 with \$176,000 in bonds added, will prevent any other public improvements for many years. The water company is giving excellent service at admittedly fair rates. Don't bite off your nose to spite your face.

Fidelity Rupture Cure.

Winn & Sovereign, the rupture specialists, will be at Janesville Tuesday, casual. Room 8, over Brown & Lincoln's shoe store.

R. R. POWELL,

DENTIST.

HOURS: 9 to 12 a. m. 1 to 5 p. m.

Over Mrs. Woodcock's millinery store, West Milwaukee Street.

WHERE PEOPLE WERE TODAY.

WARREN A. PATRICK is home.

SILAS HAYNER was in Clinton.

CLIFFORD BEST was in Edgerton.

CHESTER BREWER is in Madison.

I. H. TARRANT arrived in the city today.

Mrs. THOMAS KING was a Chicago visitor.

Mrs. C. P. STINMAN of Clinton, Sundayed in town.

Dr. C. J. Palmer of Elgin, spent the day in the city.

Miss MAMIE JONES of Clinton, spent yesterday in the city.

J. F. AND W. H. Byrne of Madison, spent Sunday in town.

Miss MYRA COOLS left for a visit with relatives in Chicago.

RAY GILLMAN, of Evansville, was registered at the Park Hotel.

Mrs. MINNIE CHOUX has left for a visit with friends in Milwaukee.

GEORGE AKIN leaves this evening for Oregon, where he expects to locate.

Miss RUTH CULVER returned from Mackitosh, Minn., Sunday morning.

H. O. HUMPHREY and James Wilson, of Rockford spent yesterday with local friends.

Mrs. Fred R. Green and daughter Gertrude, spent Sunday with Edgerton relatives.

Mrs. T. B. Wiggins of Chicago, is the guest of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Merrill.

LOUIS DRAVER, a former Janesville resident, now of Chicago, was in the city today, greeting friends.

A TELEPHONE message from Chicago this afternoon from St. Joseph's hospital reports Fred Rentschler as fast improving.

A. W. ALLISON is home from a four weeks trip through the state of Illinois in the interest of the Hanson Furniture company. It was his first trip since the election and he reports a good trade.

Genuine Diamonds Sold With Ten.

The Hong Kong Tea Company, recently formed in New York, have leased the store room formerly occupied by Becker & Woodruff, on the bridge, Janesville, Wis. Genuine diamonds, rubies, pearls, turquoise, solid gold, silver and nickel watches, and many other articles of lesser value are among the souvenirs distributed to the purchasers of this choice blend of tea sold by this company. Every can contains a good retail dollar's worth of choice blended tea. Every can contains a souvenir. Among the customers who received valuable souvenirs were as follows: B. F. Crockett, 125 Madison street, received with his purchase solid gold ring set with pearls and turquoise; W. S. Jones, 110 North Academy street, received with his purchase genuine diamond set in solid gold.

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A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength—Largest United States Government Food Supply.

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BREAD AND BRAINS.

ON either side of the delivery wagons and in the windows of the Colvin Baking Co. may be seen the legend: "We will give Newspaper and Magazine Coupons on all cash purchases."

The bread is the best and lacks all the taste so peculiar to bakery goods. But besides appealing to the palates of their customers, they give Newspaper and Magazine Coupons, which, when presented at headquarters entitle the holder to "The Ladies' Home Journal" or any other magazine of their own choosing, free of all cost. The Colvin Baking Co. feeds the body but does not neglect to feed the mind as well.

Holiday Books Were

Never So Cheap.

Never before could you buy dainty, full cloth, ivory finish editions of standard works, with bindings beautifully tooled, at the price we name this year,

25 cts.

Never before were gift books equaling the Petit Trianon edition of English and American masterpieces—beautiful paper and typography, gilt tops, satin and kid effect in binding, sold at

35 cts.

R. W. KING.

C. J. MURPHY CLAIMS VAN ETTA OWES HIM

SPRINKLING BILL CASE GETS INTO COURT.

Plaintiff Asks To Have a Receiver Appointed To Control Enough of the Defendant's Income To Settle the Bill—The Petition Denied—Venue Changed in City Cases.

C. J. Murphy sought to collect pay for sprinkling the street in front of George Van Etta's residence, in the circuit court today, but was not successful. F. C. Burpee, Mr. Murphy's attorney, asked that a receiver be appointed to control enough of Van Etta's income to pay Murphy's bill. The petition was opposed by Sutherland & Nolan, who appeared for Van Etta, and the petition was refused.

Changes of venue were taken in two damage suits against the city today. The case of Hyer versus the City goes to Dane county, and the case of Gagan versus the City, to Walworth county.

The case of Mary A. Bradley versus James H. Lumphier is still on trial, and up to 3 o'clock this afternoon, the taking of testimony had not been concluded.

The jury in the case of Lawrence Ward against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, disagreed, being unable to answer but two of the fifteen questions prepared by the court.

The case of George Sims against the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the town of La Prairie et al., was ordered continued for the term.

The case of The Steamboat Rock Creamery Co. against Gray Peterson & Co. et al., is not to be tried by jury.

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on the market, yet nearly

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have been sold. Why?

Because each Pen sold helps to

sell others. People who use them

recommend them. We have sold

them for five years and they al-

WOMEN ALONE.

Mary Kyle Dallas on the Rudeness of Foreigners.

Woman can travel alone in the New England states without the slightest apprehension of anything disagreeable. She is severely left alone except when assistance is necessary. Then she will receive it promptly. No protestations are made—no pretenses that it is a pleasure to do this or that. It needed to be done and is done, and thanks are usually replied to simply with a nod.

The New Englander is neither warm nor gallant, but he is civil. He recognizes an unknown woman's right to ask a question of a man and receive a civil answer. Often a man will walk some distance to show the road or point out the street that is being looked for.

Even at the railway stations persons in uniform give the requisite information as to a train's time of starting and whatever the questioner wants to know promptly and without scowling, and in a car a man seems to offer a woman a seat as a matter of course and instantly turns his back on her. If an unknown woman thanks a civil New England stranger with a smile for any courtesy, he freezes her in a way peculiar to himself. Truth to tell, he is seldom obliged to do this by New England women, but a native of elsewhere sometimes beams upon him as a token of gratitude and ever after wonders what dreadful thing that man thought of her.

Down south a woman traveling alone is simply taken care of by every man she meets. A feeling prevails that a solitary female is in great danger, and men behave to her as women would to an unprotected baby. They look kindly at her, they address her gently, they make her feel as though the days of chivalry had returned. The manner of a southern gentleman to a woman traveling alone is simply perfection, and she may safely show that she appreciates the fact.

I have never traveled in the west, but I believe there is a manly care of a lonely woman's welfare shown in most places, but I know my New York well. Heaven help the solitary female stranger who for a time abides here! Natives can manage well enough. They learn that all a woman can do in Gotham is to demand decent treatment and fight her way, but never was there a place in our country where she receives so little consideration, is so rudely treated by some masculine fellow travelers or with such offensive gallantry by others; where officials whose duty it is to reply to questions often either refuse to do so or answer as they would a troublesome idiot; where a woman may fall about in the middle of a car where youthful masculines stretch their long limbs at ease and be elbowed out of her place by men in the one of a postoffice station or a savings bank or a theater. Rudeness is the rule in New York; but, for the credit of my countrymen, let me declare that those who are offensive to women are invariably foreigners. The rough manner, the coarse suspicion, the offensive gallantry, have all been brought across the ocean to air themselves in the land of liberty, and alas, in any crowd of the great city there will be 20 foreigners to 1 American.

MARY KYLE DALLAS.

SCALY eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles and it always cures them. C. D. Stevens.

Personally Conducted Tour Through Mexico.

The Northwestern line has arranged for a personally conducted tour through Mexico, under the auspices of Mr. J. J. Grafton, the well known excursion manager. The party will unite at Chicago and leave there Tuesday morning February 2, 1897, in a special vestibuled train of palace sleeping cars, observation cars and dining cars, which will be their home for the entire trip. During the tour, which will consume thirty days, all of the cities and almost every place of interest in this wonderful country will be visited. To accommodate those who desire to remain longer than thirty days, arrangements will be made for the extension of the time limit of tickets. Illustrated pamphlets and full information as to rates, etc., will be furnished on application to agents, Chicago and Northwest R'y.

The old way of delivering messages by post boys compared with the modern telephone illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking" colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. C. D. Stevens.

Remember when you use those nice smoothing irons that come in a box, with one wooden handle to fit into them and take out and put in as fast as one gets cold and you need a hot one, that this convenient arrangement is the invention of a woman, Mrs. Potts. Blessings on Mrs. Potts!

The new American university at Washington, which promises to be the most complete in the country when it is finished, has three women on its board of trustees. They are Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. Matthew Simpson and Mrs. Elizabeth Somers.

It gives me pleasure to write that three women who are practicing law have been appointed receivers of firms failing in business in New York city. It is too bad that firms have to fail; but, when they do, I like to see women lawyers have a fair chance. Mrs. E. S. Werner is receiver for a saloon that failed, Mrs. Anita Haggerty is receiver for a lively stable, while Miss Rosalie Loew has received a similar appointment in case of a third firm in difficulties. ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER.

MOTHERS-IN-LAW.

Wives of the Orient Likewise Find Them Troublesome.

Do you cherish the fancy that wives of the orient do not trouble themselves about mothers-in-law? If so, you are much mistaken. They are even more in evidence than among the nations of the west, for they have the right to do what those others only desire—choose their son's first wife for him.

A formidable being indeed is Abdallah's ma to young Fatima, when, after having discovered what her dowry will be, she calls to do Abdallah's courting for him, bringing with her any female relatives who desire to see what the girl looks like.

Fatima, decked in all the best clothes that she can possibly wear, with the rest of her "Sabbarday go to meetin's" spread about for inspection, is called to bring refreshments, principally sweets and flavored water. With cast down eyes and blushing cheeks, she first sprays the old lady with rose water and then presents the tray.

Having sniffed, eaten and taken a sip of something, Abdallah's mamma treats the candidate for her favor as good market do a Christmas turkey. She punches her to see if her flesh is firm; then she thumps her in the chest to try her lungs, measures her hair, scolds her to discover if she has a bad temper and runs her down a little, as old clothes dealers do the garments they intend to buy, in order to lower her price. She is not quite fat enough. Her eyes are rather small. Is she really healthy? Did she not cough?

The contract is drawn up, the mother-in-law demanding for her son the right to divorce his wife whenever he is tired of her, so that he informs her legally of his reasons for doing so, which may be, "She displeases my mother," or anything else that he chooses.

Until she has a son the wife cannot even receive a letter. If her husband is absent and wishes to tell her something, he must address his mother. After the birth of a boy he may write to that infant, and his wife may read it.

Mother jealousy is tremendous in the east. If a wife makes her husband fond of her, she strives to hide the fact from her mother-in-law; else, so the poor wives whisper to each other, a false tale of infidelity may be told him. If he believes it, he says to his mother, "Do with her what you will," and a bag, full of lime and daughter-in-law, is shortly flung into the nearest water.

ISABELLA PROCTOR.

Excursion Rates to Milwaukee—Semi-Centennial Exposition Mass Meeting

For the Wisconsin Semi-Centennial Exposition meeting to be held at Milwaukee, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway will sell excursion tickets on December 1st and 2nd, good for return until and including Dec. 5 at a fare and a third for the round trip.

Harper's Weekly IN 1897.

With the end of 1896 Harper's Weekly will have lived forty years. In that time it has participated with all the zeal and power at its command in the great political events of the most interesting and important period in the history of the country, and has spread before its readers the accomplishments of science, arts, and letters for the instruction of the human mind and the amelioration of the human conditions and of manners.

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